

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

HOLD ANOTHER COUNCIL MEETING
What They Did Last Evening With the B. &
H. U. Petition and Other Railroad Papers.
Action on the Year.

There was an unusually large turn out of Second Branch members at the special Council meeting called for last evening, but the First Branch members were not all numerous, in fact not enough were there to form a quorum, which was unfortunate, as a concurrence in the action of the Second Branch on the Baltimore & Ohio

The Second Branch was called to order at 7:30 o'clock prompt, President Hildreth in the chair. Before the reading of the lengthy minutes had been concluded a number of the members had trooped in recent Missions.

THE BALTIMORE & OHIO'S PETITION.
The first business taken up was the petition of the Baltimore & Ohio, published over two weeks since in the INTELLIGENCER asking the power to change their through route track (the Hemyfield) from Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets to the south bay.

the track on Seventeenth street as a switch to the yards south of the State House; the track on Sixteenth street to be entirely removed. It was on motion of Mr. Wilkinson that the rules were suspended and the matter taken up. The petition was read by Mr. McFadden presented a resolution referring the paper, together with the plat of

Dr. Jepson moved to add as an amendment that "such engineer not to be interested in any railroad in the city, or seeking to enter the city." The amendment caused considerable discussion.

The reading of the B & O. petition was followed by a petition from sixty-five residents and business men on Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, respectfully requesting the Council in dealing with the proposed

compel the company to remove its tracks entirely from Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, claiming that located as they are at the present time, the road is a constant source of danger on much traveled streets and also subjecting the property on said streets to permanent depreciation in value. Mr. Shanley introduced the following:

This and the last petition were also referred to the committee.

The Gas Trustees reported that owing to the great loss and damage done gas consumers in the recently submerged parts of the city, they had, contrary to the rule and ordinance, extended the discount period two weeks. They asked Council's approval of this action.

“GENTLEMEN: I feel constrained under present circumstances to call your attention to a matter which I think demands consideration, and ask for instructions in relation

quite a number of buildings and damaged a great many others to such an extent that a reduction, in my opinion, should be made in the assessments on such property. The law and the city ordinance made in compliance therewith, do not empower the assessor to make change in the valuations of real estate after the first day of January and I would not feel

This was referred to the Board of Equalization and Appeals. It is presumed that this body will advertise for persons desiring rebates to appear before it.

The Fire Department asked for about \$100 to be used in paying for extra labor necessary in pumping out flooded cellars. It was ordered.

THAT NEW FIRE ENGINE.

The resolution from the Committee on Fire Department.

advertise for bids for a new fire engine, was adopted after some discussion and with the amendment that all bids be reported to Council. Mr. Clator could not see the necessity for a new engine, and several suggested that next summer (?) after the Water Board had built a new reservoir higher up on the hill, there would be no need for

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Bills from the committees for the following amounts were ordered paid: Fire Department, \$320 19; Sealers, \$28 61; Accounts, \$89 05; City Prison, \$26 94; Superintendent of City Prison, \$135 09.

that during the month of January there had been received from the Trustees (December collections) \$10 292 31; amount paid out during January on Trustees' orders, \$5 363 56; cash on hand January 31, \$12,433.08.

The Board of Public Works asked for the following appropriations: D. G. & Co. street

Receiver, 80 cents; total \$938 16. The Clerk was instructed to draw out order upon the Receiver for the amount and place it to the credit of the Board.

Depner & Donovan were granted a request on their beer to keep a coffee house at No. 150 Seventeenth street, and Richard

Franz Klauer was granted a rebate on his coffee house license at No. 9 Eleventh street, and F. W. Becker, with O. W. Welty and C. F. Weggar as sureties, was granted a license to continue business at this stand.

At 8:45 all business being off the table except the Gas Trustee's ordinance on the second reading, and the Branch refusing to take that up, the body adjourned. The

material to work on.

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